

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) An in-line roller skate for racing, comprising:

 a footwear having a sole on the bottom thereof, said sole having a heel-piece zone and a toe juncture area corresponding to an area of a foot where the toes of the foot join the foot;

 a chassis supporting at least four wheels including a front wheel and a second wheel immediately behind said front wheel, said front wheel and said second wheel being located in a front zone of said chassis;

 at least first and second binding points on said sole attaching for attachment of said sole to said chassis, said first binding point being positioned in proximity of said heel-piece zone of said sole, and said second binding point being positioned approximately in the a toe juncture area of said sole;

 fasteners ~~for joining~~ said footwear to said chassis at said first and second binding points, said second binding point being located between said front wheel and said second wheel;

 wherein said at least four wheels are solely wheels having a diameter of at least 100 mm; and

wherein a height of said front zone of said chassis in relation to a ground contact plane of said at least four wheels is substantially equal to said diameter of said at least four wheels.

wherein a center to center distance between said first and second binding points is between 170 mm and 210 mm.

Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) The in-line roller skate of claim ~~6~~ 5, wherein the center to center distance between said first and second binding points is 195 mm.